

Hon. Senator Rick Jones  
Judiciary Committee Chairman  
Michigan State Senate – Farnum Building  
Lansing , MI 48909

Subject: Opposition to House Bills 4834, 4851, 4853, 4856

Dear Sen. Jones,

The following reasons spell out our opposition to the four bills that are in your committee. These bills need to be killed by the committee members with 4834 being modified to allow for a separate file that is not a part of the LEIN system to keep a track of patient information.

House Bill 4834 must be modified to prevent MMA participants' information to be stored on the LEIN network. In order to support this bill, participant information shall be kept on a separate file that is not a part of the LEIN system. If the State of California can verify cards online then we in Michigan have no excuse to say that this cannot be done. Given the testimony of LARA officials regarding removing the 120 backlog with a faster printer, existing cards can be reprinted with pictures in a timely manner to program participants. This is an example of the State of California's online card verification system. ([Card Validation Link](#))

House Bill 4851 is a waste of State of Michigan resources because of the Electronic Medical Record technology being developed and required by the Federal Government. All a doctor has to do is pull up your medical record on a secure computer to see your medical record history which is a good thing to insure that people don't take medicine that will already interfere with other medicine in the body. This bill is a complete waste of government time and resources to implement this bill.

House Bill 4853 is the most outrageous and dangerous bill ever conceived by the Michigan Legislature. If this bill is enacted into law, the simple act of handing a marijuana cigarette to another person that is also a patient will earn up to 2 years in prison with a felony conviction. This will guarantee an immediate rise in the number of citizens incarcerated in the Michigan prison system with the increased cost to go with it. We citizens are paying over \$2 million dollars to finance the Department of Corrections and this bill will only add to the deficit. This bill will be open abuse by law enforcement to prosecute the most vulnerable and weak citizens in the State of Michigan.

House Bill 4856 and the word clarification shall not be used in the same sentence. If this bill becomes law a patient would have to carry their medicine in a lock-box in the trunk of the car just like their firearms. If marijuana is required to be carried in a locked box in the trunk,

prescribed drugs like Ambien, Xanax, and others should be put there also. We are opposed to this bill because it will be abused as a cash cow for local officials to fund local libraries at the expense of the patients in the program. This is a hidden tax on program participants because of the additional purchase requirement of a locked box, especially if you don't have a trunk. This was put in by the legal lobby as a stimulus program for themselves at the expense of MMMA patients. Michigan Medical Marijuana patients shall not be abused and used in this manner with this despicable piece of legislation. Despite the implications of impairment under the influence of Marijuana, there are NO current studies and factual evidence that can compare the degree of impairment based on the amount of Marijuana in a person's system. ([Click here for a full reading of bill 4856](#))

Therefore, we are opposed to ALL of these bills and I am going on record saying so.

Sincerely,

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